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INDEPENDENCE WOMEN SENTENCED FOR METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Independence, Mo., women were sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

Karla J. Garr, 33, of Independence, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to four years in federal prison without parole.

On March 24, 2003, **Garr** pleaded guilty to conspiring to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine. **Garr** admitted that from March 1, 2000, until Feb. 27, 2003, she conspired with others to manufacture and distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Amanda Caddenhead, 21, of Independence, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to one year and one day in federal prison without parole. On Aug. 14, 2003, **Caddenhead** pleaded guilty to possession of a product, knowing it would be used to produce methamphetamine.

Garr and **Caddenhead** are among five co-defendants who have recently been sentenced in federal court. Each of the co-defendants pleaded guilty to charges contained in an indictment returned by a Kansas City federal grand jury on Feb. 27, 2003.

* **Margaret Foster**, 41, of Independence, was sentenced on March 2, 2004, to six months in federal prison without parole. **Foster** pleaded guilty on Aug. 14, 2003.

* **Nancy Thompson**, 34, of Independence, was sentenced on March 2, 2004, to two years and six months in federal prison without parole. **Thompson** pleaded guilty on Aug. 14, 2003.

* **Landon R. Lasater**, 26, of Blue Springs, was sentenced on March 1, 2004, to eight

years in federal prison without parole. On Aug. 15, 2003, **Lasater** pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy. **Lasater** admitted that he has been involved with multiple operational methamphetamine laboratories in Clay, Jackson, and Macon counties in Missouri. These labs, which were seized by federal agents, involved the manufacture of at least 500 grams of methamphetamine between March 1, 2000 and Feb. 27, 2003.

* **Christopher T. Moore**, 25, of Independence, pleaded guilty on Aug. 12, 2003, and awaits sentencing.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael S. Oliver and Jeff Valenti. The case was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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